COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, September 24th, 1883.

The Board of Alderman met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith, Ald. Birrell, Hunt, O Meara, Cowan, Browne, Moore, Boyd, Skinner, Becher, Hyman and Stringer.

COMMUNICATIONS.

J. Hurley and J. Monarch—Asking for use of the City Hall on Wednesday evening of the Fair week for an assembly. Referred to Treasurer.

John Park—Asking permission to put a small engine and boiler in the basement of a market house stall for butcher shop purposes. No. 3.

Executive Committee Flood Relief Fund—Asking that the Council appoint an auditor to act with one appointed by them.

Ald. Moore moved and Ald. Boyd seconded, that Mr. H. E. Nelles be appointed. Carried.

J. A. McDonald and others—Asking use of the City Hall for a wrestling match and concert on the evening of October 3rd. Granted for the 4th, providing no prior engagement prevents, on payment of usual rate.

ACCOUNTS.

Telegraph-Herald, printing, $2 40. No. 1. Tecumseh House, banquet expenses, $267. No. 3, with power.

SIGNS, AWNINGS, ETC.

A bylaw, regulating signs, awnings, verandas, etc. was read a first time and second reading moved.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, and Ald. O'Meara seconded, that permission be granted for putting the names of owners and numbers of their premises upon the lamps. Carried.

Second reading of amended bylaw carried.

In amendment to the third reading Ald. Stringer moved and Ald. O'Meara seconded that the operations of the bylaw be confined to that part of the city bounded by Bathurst street, Ridout street, Queens avenue and Wellington street.

Ald. O'Meara moved in further amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the bylaw do not go into effect till May 1st, 1884 Lost.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd that the final reading of the by-law be deferred till next meeting, and that in the meantime the opinion of the City Solicitor be obtained on the point raised in Ald. Stringer's resolution. Lost, and bylaw read the third time, and passed.

REPORT NO. 3 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman.

1. That the rent of stall in Covent Garden Market, now occupied by J. R. Broughton, be reduced from $7 per month to $6 provided he only uses the same as a storeroom.

2. That Geo. Deacon & Son be permitted to extend stalls Nos. 8 and 9 in Market Bazar under the supervision of the City Engineer, and upon the same condition that a similar privilege was granted to O'Mara Bros.; a lease to be drawn up by the City Solicitor and signed by the applicants.

3. That the municipality of London East be tendered a supply of water from the city waterworks upon conditions hereto annexed, and if the same be accepted the City Solicitor shall be instructed by the Chairman of this Committee to draw up the necessary form of contract with that municipality, the same to be signed by the Mayor of this corporation or such other person as this Council may by by-law appoint, and also the Mayor of the town of London East or such other person or persons as that corporation may by bylaw appoint; the contract signed shall be binding upon both municipalities for the term of years and conditions hereinafter named:

Condition 1. That private consumers be required to sign the ordinary form of application in use in the city, and that they be at the expense of house, lawn, or other service, which shall be put in under the supervision of a competent officer, who shall be appointed by the Water Commissioners of the city of London, and in whose presence all connections with mains shall be made; the brass nozzle to be purchased from the Water Commissioners of the city of London; a sidewalk stop-cock to be put in with each service on all material used, to be similar to the standard in use in the city.

2. That London East lay down all street mains and pipes and erect all hydrants for fire purposes, whether on public or private property, and at their own expense to keep the same in a proper state of repair, and in no case permit an undue waste of water, and in case of a break in either the mains or hydrants, shall, at the earliest possibe moment, notify the Secretary of such break.

3. The corporation of London East to pay direct to the Secretary of the Water Commissioners for each hydrant erected for fire purposes $37 50, payable quarterly on or before the 15th of the months of April, July, October and January in each year, subject to a discount of 20 per cent. if paid previous to the said dates; and for street watering 2½ cents per lineal foot for each and every block from 1st April to 1st October each year, the rate to be paid on 1st October each year, or in the event of the municipality of London East desiring to take water by meter for street watering they be charged at the rate of 30 cents per 1,000 gallons, said rate not to be subject to discount.

4. Private rates, that is, any rate not above enumerated, shall not exceed the rate of 1½ rates, or one half more than those collected from the citizens and

authorised by the present tariff; rates in all cases to be paid to the Secretary of the Water Commissioners of the city of London subject to the usual discount of 20 per cent. for prompt payment.

5. Agreement to be continued in force for five years, subject to be terminated by either party giving six months notice prior to ——— after the expiration of two years.

6. But, in case of accident or from other cause the city should be unable to supply water, rates shall cease from time of such failure.

7. The agreement to be subject to all bylaws passed by commissioners relating to citizens.

Taken up clause by clause; 1 and 2 adopted.

AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH LONDON EAST.

The third clause of No. 3 report containing the water service agreement with London East was taken up section by section. No objection was taken to 1 and 2, but

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment to No. 3 that the charge per lineal foot for street watering be 5 instead of 2½ cents. Ald. Skinner seconded.

Mr. R. Pritchard, chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners, and Mr. Flock, representing London East, addressed the Council.

Ald. Birrell moved, and Ald. O'Meara seconded, in amendment to the amendment that the whole agreement be further deferred till next meeting. Lost. Ald. Boy's amendment was also lost.

Ald. Moore moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Becher, that the charge be 3 cents per foot on each side of the street, or an aggregate of 6 cents per lineal foot. Carried.

Fourth read.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that instead of reading "shall not exceed the rate of one and a-half rates" the section read "shall be at the rate of one and a-half rates."

Carried.

Fifth condition read.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Browne, that all the words after five years be struck out. Carried.

The 6th condition was amended on motion of Ald. Becher and Hunt by adding the words, "And that the city incur no liability in consequence of such failure" Carried.

7 adopted.

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Browne, chairman: 1. Commissioners pay roll to Sept. 19, $377 73; Victoria Park, $18 76; total, $396 52; Ferguson Bros., lumber, 141 88; Wm. Donohue, gravel, $72 60; total, $214 48.

2. Request of the Tecumseh Baseball Club for use of City Hall has been granted on payment of current expenses on Oct. 2.

3. Re the claim for damages of Donohue & Cutler, would recommend that they be allowed the sum of $60 on rent of store in full of all claim.

4. That Mr. Digman be refunded $5 paid by him for the cows belonging to the Protestant Orphans' Home being impounded.

Taken up clause by clause, 1, 2, 3, adopted, and 4 moved for adoption,

Ald. Moore moved that the clause be struck out. Ald. Hyman seconded. Lost, and on motion the

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman—Payment of the following accounts: Debenture Expense account, Monetary Times, $3; street watering, Wonnacott & C ppinger, $20 25; John Turner, $122 25; relief, R. Boyd & Son, $38 90; incidental expenses, R. Walker & Son, $10 50; total, $189 90.

2. That the petition of Rev. J. E. Moore for the remission of a portion of the taxes of 1882 upon a house on South street rented by him be filed.

3. That the protest of C. Cochrane against the payment of income tax be filed.

4. That the petition of Mrs. Murray for remission of taxes be not granted, but the time for payment of taxes for 1882 be extended for two months from Sept. 21.

5. That the petition of Philip B. Richards for remission of taxes be granted.

6. That the statute labor tax of Alf. Morphy be remitted, he being wrongly assessed.

7. That the petition of the assessors for an allowance for extra work done be granted by making each grant of $50.

8. Your committee beg to submit the estimates for 1883.

9. Your committee beg to submit bylaws for collection of the same.

Taken up clause by clause; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 adopted and 7 moved for adoption.

Ald. Boyd—Amendment, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the increase be $100 each. Lost and clause adopted.

In submitting the estimates Ald. Hyman explained the use to which the debenture issue was being applied. He pointed out the reason for the increases in debenture, bank and sinking fund interest rates. He also discussed the increases and decreases appearing in various departments. In conclusion, he said he thought the rate struck, 18 mills on the dollar, would be amply sufficient for all purposes. The assessment of the city this year amounted to $11,179,757, and upon this was to be raised $2,600 for separate schools, $32,254 10 for the city Board of Education, and $166,381 52 for sinking fund interest and other purposes, or a total of $201,235 62. The 18-mill rate embraced 3 1-10 for school purposes and 14 9-10 for all other purposes. Besides the receipts from taxation as above, he estimated $2,500 interest on taxes in default; statute labor tax, $500; dog tax, $700; street watering, $2,400, or a grand total of $207,335 62. He pointed out that the rate was a mill on the dollar less than the rate in Hamilton, and also that the London estimates include a class of expenditures not included in Hamilton. He then moved, and Ald. Skinner seconded, that the estimates be accepted at eighteen mills on the dollar. Carried.

BYLAWS.

Bylaw—Providing for the levying of a tax in lieu of statute labor tax, and for the levying of dog tax, same to be collected by Wm. B ll, inspector. Read three times and passed.

By-law—For levying a rate for street watering throughout different parts of the city at five cents per foot. Read three times and passed.

By-law—For levying a rate of taxation at eighteen mills on the dollar, and providing that the taxes be payable on Dec. 1, rolls to be returned on June 1, 1884.

In amendment to the first reading Ald. Boyd moved and Ald. Cowan seconded, that the date upon which taxes shall be payable be January 2, 1884, instead of December 1, 1883. Carried on the following division: Yeas, Ald. Hunt, O'Meara, Cowan, Browne, Stringer and Boyd; nays, Ald. Hyman, Skinner, Moore, Becher and Birrell.

Bylaw read second and third times and passed.

BRIDGES.

Ald. Birrell verbally reported that the special committee on bridges had met with a committee from the County Council, but failed to agree on the material for Kensington Bridge. Your committee recommend that the tender for an iron bridge be accepted, and in case the County Council do not agree that the matter go to arbitration.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. O'Meara moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that plans and specifications be drawn up, and that the Oxford street question be also referred to arbitration.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment, seconded by Ald Moore, that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the bridge. Carried,

Yeas –Alds. Hunt, Birrell, Hyman, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Boyd, Becher and Moore.

Nays –Alds. O'Meara and Brown.

THE MARKETS.

Moved by Ald. Boyd, that the hay and straw be removed from its present location in the Market Square and be established in connection with the Wood Market, and that No. 3 Committee report on this resolution at next meeting of this Council Referred to No. 3.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Ald. Moore—I give notice that I will at the next meeting of the Council move that a by-law be prepared by No. 2 Committee regulating the erection of all buildings within the city so that uniformity may be established as far as possible, and that all plans and specifications be submitted to the City Engineer or other person appointed by this Council to investigate before permission be granted for the erection of any building.

Adjourned for two weeks.